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Jordan River National Fish Hatchery to Host Public Outreach and Education Event

Elmira— The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jordan River National Fish Hatchery is hosting its 1st Annual “Hatchery Fest” on Saturday September 18, 2004. This event is part of a concentrated effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to increase public awareness concerning the Service’s mission and programs in the Great Lakes region. The theme of this first annual event will be “Partners and Friends.” Hatchery tours will start at the visitor center and will be available once an hour from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm by two modes of transportation, walking and hayrides. The event will feature a “Kids Club” area providing educational games, activities, and prizes. Many conservation and community organizations will be invited to provide interpretive displays. Beginning at 3:00 pm, the festivities will be capped by a “Friends Group” organizational meeting, which will include presentations by hatchery staff and a tour of the hatchery and grounds for those who may have missed the earlier event. Refreshments will be available at the meeting. The hatchery is located at 6623 Turner Road, six miles north of Alba, and two miles west of U.S. 131. Individuals or organizations interested in attending or participating in Hatchery Fest or the Friends Group meeting may contact Fishery Biologist Tim Smigielski at (231) 584-2461 or by email at tim_smigielski@fws.gov for additional information.